ADVISORY COMMITTEES—FUNCTIONS OF

101. Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):*

(*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state the functions of the various Advisory Committees of the Legislative Council, and

(*b*) will the Government be pleased to state whether the Committees are debarred from advising on or discussing matters of policy pertaining to various Departments?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Copies of Government Orders regarding the constitution and functions of the Advisory Committees are placed on the Council table.

(*b*) No answer is necessary in view of the answer above.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know Sir, whether if questions of policy are really meant to be introduced as subjects of practical politics the Advisory Committee can consider them. The Committee can discuss only questions of a practical nature. I wish to know what are the questions of a practical nature which the Committee can consider?

Mr. President : For example if it is an application from an aided school to be taken over by Government then it is a practical question. But question whether the Government should take over aided schools or not, is a question of policy. There is no use of the Advisory Committee discussing that. That is the distinction.

IRINJALAKKUDA MOTOR UNION—REDUCTION IN BUSES AND TIMINGS—REQUEST FOR

102. Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Irinjalakkuda Motor Union petitioned the Diwan for permission to reduce the number of buses and timings in the matter of plying between Pullut and Trichur and if the answer is in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to state the orders passed on the petition?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* Yes. As an experimental measure for one year, the number is reduced from 10 to 7.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know who represented the Motor Union before the Diwan?

Mr. President : The President of the Union.

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